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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Re: Appeal to the Board of Appeals

In re Application of 1636 HEINZ et al. Art Unit: AKHAVAN, Ramin 10/019,048 Examiner: Serial No. Filed: December 27, 2001 PLANTS EXPRESSING $\Delta 6$ -DESATURASE GENES PUFAS-CONTAINING OILS For: FROM THESE PLANTS AND A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF **UNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS** To: Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20035, on: January 18, 2004 Date of Deposit Making Deposit [] NOTICE OF APPEAL: Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from 1. __ of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims ____. the decision dated A check to cover the extension fee of \$____ is enclosed. 2. [X] BRIEF on appeal in this application is transmitted herewith. 3. [] An Oral Hearing is requested. 4. [] The Oral Hearing fee of \$280.00 is enclosed. [X] Fee \$500.00 5. [] Enclosed [] Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal) [X] Charge to Deposit Account No. 11-0345. 0 [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be 6. further required, or credit any over payment to Account No. 11-0345. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. Respectfully submitted,

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Acad. Sci. USA 87: 2264-2268, 1990). A definitive method for identifying nucleic acids that have the recited percent homology to the referenced sequences are available.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that reversal of the examiner's rejection of all claims is in order.

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